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### Talking Points

#### Forthcoming Media Coverage of Pakistani Nuclear Program

- o We understand that Seymour Hersch is preparing an "expose" on the Pakistani nuclear program for airing by Public Broadcast Service in February 1985.
    - The recent case in Houston will apparently be featured (in which Pakistani intermediaries were seeking to acquire hardware which could be used in sensitive parts of the nuclear program).
    - Evidently Mr. Hersch also has access to two former employees of the Pakistani nuclear program [redacted] 25X1
  - o In addition, we understand that Simon Henderson, who reports from Washington for the Financial Times of London, has been asking very pointed questions around town on this topic.
    - His questions include accurate knowledge of the contents of President Reagan's letter to President Zia and the response [redacted] 25X1
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    - Mr. Henderson reported in an article released 14 August 1984 as follows: "There has also been an unconfirmed report that China has handed over to Pakistan a quantity of highly enriched uranium."
    - o [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] This could be a particularly bad time for such media coverage in relation to the effort to submit to Congress for review the Agreement for Cooperation on nuclear matters between the US and PRC.

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